

DRAWING AMENDMENTS

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Figs. 1A and 1B. This sheet that includes Figs. 1A and 1B, replaces the original sheet including Figs. 1A and 1B. In Figs. 1A and 1B, "prior art" labels have been added.

Please approve the drawing changes that are marked in red on the accompanying "Annotated Sheet Showing Changes" of Figs. 1A and 1B. A formal "Replacement Sheet" of amended Figs. 1A and 1B is also enclosed.

Attachments: Replacement Sheet

 Annotated Sheet Showing Changes

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application is requested.

Claims 1-12, 14, 15, 17 and 18 remain in the application.

Claims 1-12, 14, 15, 17 and 18 are subject to examination.

Claims 1, 4-7, 12, 14 and 17 have been amended. Claims 13 and 16 have been canceled to facilitate prosecution of the instant application.

Under the heading "Drawings" on page 2 of the above-identified Office Action, the Examiner objected to Figs. 1A and 1B for not having prior art labels. Kindly approve of the new drawings.

Under the heading "Specification" on page 2 of the above-identified Office Action, the Examiner objected the title. The title has been amended per the Examiner's suggestion.

Under the heading "Claim Objections" on page 2 of the above-identified Office Action, the Examiner objected to claim 16. The Examiner's objection has been noted and claim 16 has been canceled.

Under the heading "Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102" on pages 3-5 of the above-identified Office Action, claims 1-16 have

been rejected as being fully anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,605,893 to Ando (hereinafter Ando) under 35 U.S.C. § 102.

Ando discloses a vacuum container for a flat image display having an electron-emitting device and a phosphor emitting light when the electrons emitted from the electron-emitting device collide therewith. Such a device is completely different from an organic light-emitting diode (OLED). An OLED does not require a vacuum container, and it does not contain any phosphor emitting light after a collision with an electron. We note that also the Examiner does not cite Ando with respect to the OLEO device recited in claims 17 and 18 of the instant application. Therefore claim 1 of the instant application has been amended to recite that the function layer is an organic light-emitting layer as recited in original claim 17.

Therefore amended claim 1 is not anticipated by nor obvious in view of Ando.

In items 23-34 on pages 6-8 of the above-identified Office Action, claims 1-5, 8, 10, 12 and 16-18 have been rejected as being fully anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,850,006 to Kim (hereinafter Kim) under 35 U.S.C. § 102.

It is interesting to note that Fig. 5 of Kim shows a sectional

view of a prior art device. Accordingly, Fig. 5 is not suited to disclose the lateral structure, e.g. a ring or a frame structure of the barrier 33. Such a structure would be visible in a top view of the respective device, but such a top view is not shown in Kim. The Examiner appears to be deducing this feature from the description in column 3.

However, to further distinguish claims 1 and 17 of the instant application from Kim, claims 1 and 17 have been amended to teach that the mechanical connector has reinforcing strips and/or points. Therefore amended claims 1 and 17 are neither anticipated by Kim nor obvious in view of Kim. Support for the changes to claims 1 and 17 come from original claim 13.

It is accordingly believed to be clear that none of the references, whether taken alone or in any combination, either show or suggest the features of claims 1 or 17. Claims 1 and 17 are, therefore, believed to be patentable over the art. The dependent claims are believed to be patentable as well because they all are ultimately dependent on claim 1 or 17.

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-12, 14, 15, 17 and 18 are solicited.

If an extension of time is required, petition for extension is herewith made. Any extension fee associated therewith should

be charged to the Deposit Account of Lerner Greenberg Stemer,
LLP, No. 12-1099.

Please charge any other fees that might be due with respect to
Sections 1.16 and 1.17 to the Deposit Account of Lerner
Greenberg Stemer, LLP, No. 12-1099.

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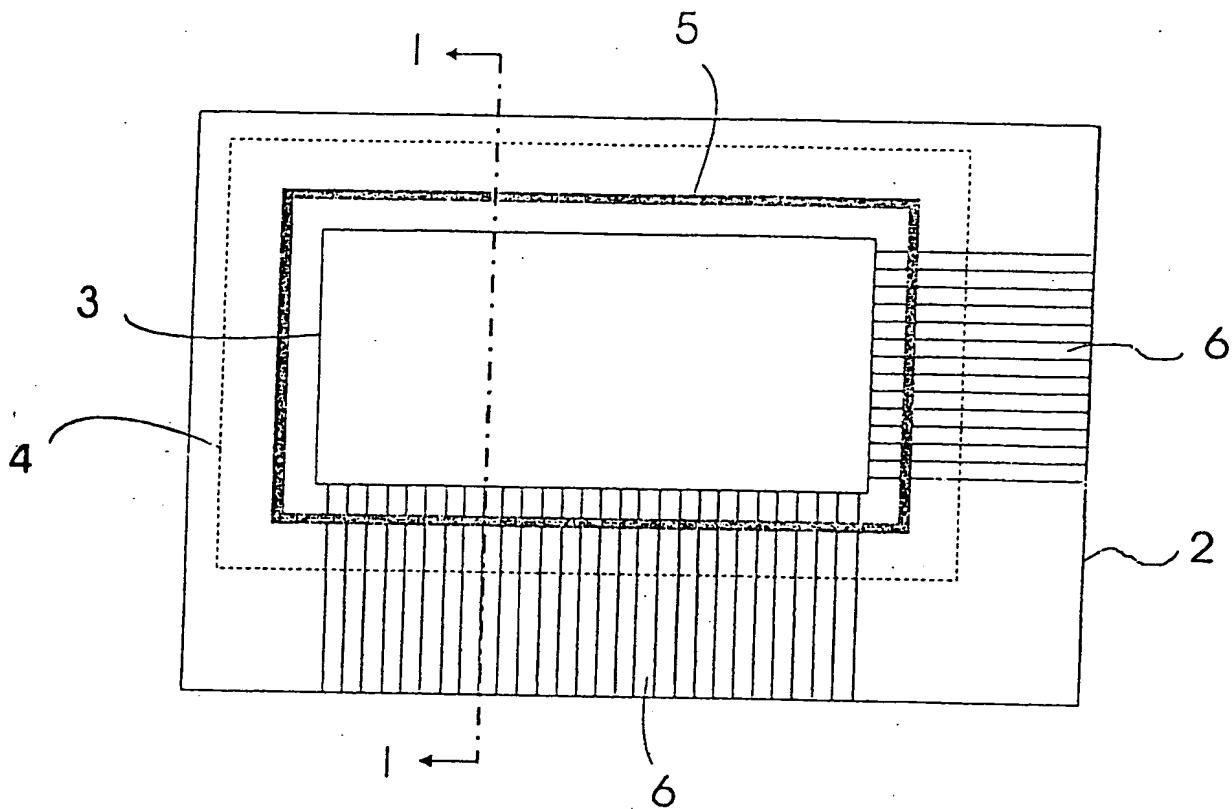


FIG. 1A
PRIOR ART

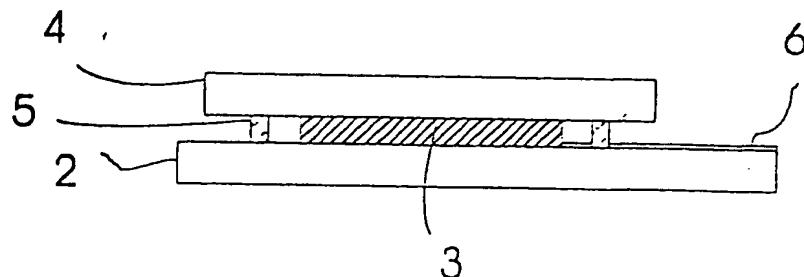


FIG. 1B
PRIOR ART